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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5760-N-01]

60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection:

Regional Analysis of Impediments Guidance for Sustainable Communities Grantees

AGENCY: Office of the Economic Resilience, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: HUD is seeking approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for the information collection described below. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, HUD is requesting comment from all interested parties on the proposed collection of information. The purpose of this notice is to allow for 60 days of public comment.

DATES: Comments Due Date: [Insert date that is **60 days after the date of publication in the Federal Register.**]

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB Control Number and should be sent to: Colette Pollard, Reports Management Officer, QDAM, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20410-5000; telephone 202-402-3400 (this is not a toll-free number) or email at Colette.Pollard@hud.gov for a copy of the proposed forms or other available information. Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kathryn Dykgraaf, Program Analyst,
Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW, Room 10180 Washington,
DC 20410; e-mail at Kathryn.C.Dykgraaf@hud.gov or telephone 202-402-6731. Persons with
hearing or speech impairments may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free
Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. This is not a toll-free number. Copies of available
documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Ms. Dykgraaf.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice informs the public that HUD is seeking approval from OMB for the information collection described in Section A.

A. Overview of Information Collection

<u>Title of Information Collection</u>: Regional Analysis of Impediments Guidance for Sustainable Communities Grantees.

OMB Approval Number: 2501-0031.

Type of Request: Extension of currently approved collection.

Form Number: N/A.

Description of the need for the information and proposed use: HUD's Office of Sustainable Housing and Communities presently requires all Sustainable Communities Initiative (SCI) Regional Planning grantees to complete a Fair Housing Equity Assessment. The grantees each have the option of choosing to develop a Regional Analysis of Impediments (AI) in lieu of the FHEA, which (if prepared in accordance with the standards set forth below and in the Fair Housing Planning Guide) would fulfill the FHEA requirement as well as the HUD AFFH regulatory requirement for any participating jurisdiction or state that signed on. The option to prepare a regional AI also offers SCI grantees an opportunity to develop more meaningful deliverables while conserving resources and reducing duplication. This guidance, a written

product reflecting the information shared in the 2012 online webinars, will assist grantees in structuring their fair housing analyses.

Respondents: Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grantees.

Information Collection	Number of Respondents	Frequency of Response	Responses Per Annum	Burden Hour Per Response	Annual Burden Hours	Hourly Cost Per Response	Annual Cost
Total	40	Every 5 years	8	200	1600	\$40	\$64,000

B. Solicitation of Public Comment

This notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected parties concerning the collection of information described in Section A on the following:

- (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- (2) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information:
 - (3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- (4) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond; including through the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

HUD encourages interested parties to submit comment in response to these questions.

C. Authority:	Section 3507	of the Paperwork	Reduction	Act of 1995.	44 U.S.C.	Chapter 35.
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Date: <u>September 12, 2014</u>

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Office of Economic Resilience

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